

ABOUT THE WINSLOW FAMILY

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(Last Sunday Channel 2 featured a program titled "The Winslow Family." This sent us to our **Clipper** files. Here is a column that appeared in the **Clipper** on June 20, 1957. It mentions the late Graham Winslow of Standish St. -- Ed.)

THEY MISSED THE BOAT

Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoags may not have been too heavily endowed in the attic, but at least he didn't miss the boat when the Mayflower I arrived in Plymouth. Seems to us that the George G. Harrap & Co., Ltd. publishing house (London, Toronto, Wellington and Sydney) missed an opportunity to publicize its new book, **Mayflower Heritage**. With so many thousands of tourists flocking into Plymouth at this point, what a worthwhile souvenir this interesting tome would have made!

The primary aim of the coming of the Mayflower II is "to encourage Anglo-American goodwill." The preface of **Mayflower Heritage** begins: "One of the main purposes of this book is to encourage Anglo-American goodwill."

This new book records the history of the Winslow family. The author, D. Kenelm Winslow, in his preface thanks Graham Winslow of Duxbury, "who has been most kind in obtaining certain of the illustrations in this book."

Here's an excerpt from the book:

...the phone rang again. A Mr. Graham Winslow was on the line. "You won't know me. I am an American," announced Graham. He added that he belonged to "the Kenelm lot." In other words he was descended from Kenelm Winslow, the cabinetmaker. Another of the Five Brothers. He had heard about me, he said, from one of the family over the other side, and would like to meet me. I named the Strand hotel. Three completely stranger Winslows of the same root stock in Worcestershire, England, had made a somewhat unusual 'blind date.'

"We were all round about the fifties. We met and talked merrily about the Coronation, on which Douglas was the obvious expert. Then our conversation turned to 'the family,' a discussion that made our attendant wives look a little reproachful. Douglas, we discovered, had been with the Canadian forces in the First World War. Graham had then been a dashing young fellow in the United States Cavalry. Winslows of 2 nations they had fought for the same liberties. We all had our more sober story to tell of the Second World War, when we had all been engaged in such jobs as befitted our years, in preserving the same liberties.

"We suddenly realized that we, direct descendants of the Five Brothers were meeting and drinking a toast on English soil for the first time in over 3 centuries. This, we decided, was a great and good coincidence.

"One of us - I think it was Graham - said in the course of the conversation, "I wonder what happened to old Gilbert?"

"As an editor and journalist it struck me as the strangest thing of all about our meeting that 3 men of the same blood but of 3 different nations should pause to consider, without surprise, such a laconic question about Gilbert, most mysterious of the Five Brothers, who has unmarried, left his kinsmen in New England 300 years or so before.

"The meeting linked 3 more generations of our family in personal friendship, and transatlantic ties were made that much stronger...."

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Interesting postlude: The only direct descendant of any of the original Mayflower passengers who came over on the Mayflower II was Sub-Lieut. John A. K. Winslow, RN.

The other Winslow who met with Graham and Kenelm in London was John Douglas Winslow of New Brunswick, the only direct descendant of Edward, the Pilgrim Father. This Edward, a printer, John, a shipmaster, and Kenelm, a cabinetmaker, were all sons of Edward Winslow of Droitwich.

When John Douglas Winslow, Douglas Kenelm Winslow and Graham Train Winslow met in London in June 1952, it was the first meeting of men of their lines on English soil for over 300 years.